Sir 8 May 1779

I send the Bearer Richard Pollard & John Roberts two of our State Prisoners at present at Princeton, & not likely to be soon exchanged. I really pity the men, and wish they could be exchanged as soon as possible. Probably the reason is that we have none of our own Citizens now in captivity with the Enemy to exchange for them unless it be Capt Fitzsimmons of York, & that Gentleman not part with him for them. If this be the case it would perhaps be best to detain them to the continental Commissary of Prisoners, by giving us the List number when we want them, as he may have it in his Power to get them exchanged for our continental Prisoners — Capt Henry Stanford, & two privates are also Prisoners here & perhaps it would be best to adopt the same mode with them, unless Capt Fitzhugh Randolph can be procured for some of them. I am Sir

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